

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A planing watercraft, of the type with fully planing or semi-planing bottom, comprising: a single lifting device constrained to said watercraft at a predetermined distance from the bottom and suitable to increase the hydrodynamic lift on said fully planing or semi-planing bottom, said single lifting device comprising at least one transversal element having an upper surface that faces said bottom and a lower surface opposite to said upper surface, said transversal element being subject to a lifting force perpendicular to said lower surface owing to the difference of pressure between the two surfaces when it is located in a flow, wherein said transversal element is arranged below said bottom substantially at the barycenter of said watercraft ~~or slightly shifted with respect to the barycenter of said watercraft~~, said watercraft during its fully planing or semi-planing travel having one portion of said bottom dipped in water, said watercraft being sustained partially by said portion of bottom dipped in water and partially by said single lifting device.

16. (New) A planing watercraft, of the type with fully planing or semi-planing bottom, comprising: a single lifting device constrained to said watercraft at a predetermined distance from the bottom and suitable to increase the hydrodynamic lift on said fully planing or semi-planing bottom, said single lifting device comprising a single transversal element having an upper surface that faces said bottom and a lower surface opposite to said upper surface, said transversal element being subject to a lifting force perpendicular to said lower surface owing to the difference of pressure between the two surfaces when it is located in a flow, wherein said transversal element is arranged below said bottom substantially at the barycenter of said watercraft, said watercraft during its fully planing or semi-planing travel having one portion of said bottom dipped in water, said watercraft being sustained partially by said portion of bottom dipped in water and partially by said single lifting device.